



**Stella Maris Catholic Church**  
Founded in the Marian Year 1954  
2901 S. 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148

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**Perpetual Adoration:** Come adore our Eucharistic Lord in the Little Flower Perpetual Adoration Chapel located in the basement of the Rectory. The chapel is available for prayer at all times. However, a key fob is necessary to gain entrance. Key fobs are available at the Rectory.

**The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

Sundays: 5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)  
8:00am and 10:30am

Weekdays: 8:00am (Tuesday – Saturday)

Holy Days: 5:00pm Vigil; 8:00am; 7:00pm

**Confessions:** 4:00pm - 4:45pm Saturday in Church

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Each Saturday immediately following the 8am Mass. Veneration of the relic of St. Catherine Laboure concludes the service.

**Bible Study:** Bible Study is held in the classroom in the Church Vestibule every Saturday after the 8:00am Mass. (**Please note:** No Bible Study on Sodality meeting Saturdays, and July and August.)

**Baptism:** Anyone who plans to have their child baptized is asked to call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents are required by Canon Law to attend a Pre-Jordan Class prior to the Baptism. These classes will take place at the Rectory, by appointment only. To register for Pre-Jordan, please call the Rectory. Baptisms may be held any Sunday—once Pre-Jordan is completed.

**Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation:** Anyone asked to be a Godparent/Sponsor should contact the Rectory regarding their Letter of Eligibility.

**Matrimony:** Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the intended wedding date. All couples are required to attend pre-marital instructions in preparation for marriage.

**Anointing of the sick:** In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory.

***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***February 14, 2021***

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**God's Plan for Giving-Tithing-A Way of Life**

**Collection for weekend of February 6 & 7, 2021:**

**Income = Plate \$3,242.00 + AWC \$72.50 = \$3,314.50**

**Bills Paid = Total Disbursements = (\$10,872.40)**

**Total = (\$7,557.90)**



Your Church contributions can be electronically withdrawn from your account and deposited directly to Stella Maris. Please visit us at [stellamarisphila.com](http://stellamarisphila.com) and click on **Parish Giving** (under our Mass Schedule) for information and/or to enroll.

**Living Stewardship:** "Jesus, you came to bring us into deeper communion with the Father and one another. Give us the courage to reach out, as you did, to those in need of compassion and help. Let us not be afraid of the opinion of others when we see that good can be done. Amen."

**Sick Relatives & Friend—Please pray for the sick that they may be comforted:**

Jeanette Albanese, Blaise Ambrosini, Nicholas Andreola, Dottie Arcuri, Neil Baldwin, Raymond Baxter, Elaine Belfi, Kim Birch, Kelly Anne Bodine, Shyla Boetter, Emmanuel Borgesi, Mr & Mrs Bracy, Donna Bria, Dominick Bucciarelli, Rose Cappetto, William Carbo, Kelly Carr, Arthur Carrado, Doris Castagno, Louis Chila, Elaine Cipparone, Mina Collazzo, Robert Costello, Donna Cunningham, Jill Daly, Antonio D'Angelo, Bea DeCaro, Ron DeJulius, Anna DelVecchio and Family, Matthew D'Imperio, Dom Dinella, Kathy Dinella, Lynn DiOrio, Veronica Dolan, Marie Donato, Lucy Dougherty, Dolores Edmondson, Trish Ezzie, Eric Farrell, Virginia Faulkner, Russell Fiugalski, Marlene Flocco, George Fragnito, Samantha Fry, Joan Gain, Evelyn Gardella, Keith Green, Margie Gurbuz, Carol Holman, Kimberly Honeschuck, Dakota Hussein, Lucy Intelisano, Nora James, Frank Kane, Vito LaFranci, Ashleigh Leone, Jamie Long, Bob Lutz, Julia Lynch, Kathleen Magnotta, Domenick Maiorano, Mario Marchetti, Pat Marsico, Carmela Martini, Lilian Mattioli, Danielle McDevitt, Rita Mendicino, Louise Mento, Lucy Michielli, Kayla Minore, Florence Mooney, Cecelia Moore, Philomena Nardello, Thomas Nardone, Kathleen Nardy, Renate Nardy, Patrick Oldfield, Matthew Padgeon, Louis Pagano, Rose Pagano, Ronald Palumbo, Jaycee Park, Jason Perri, Madeline Perri, Sophia Philipp, Theresa Quieti, Angela Raffa, Amanda Razzano, Jason Rindone, Michael Rines, Keith Ross, Joann Rua, Maria Russo, Carmen Rutolo, Lorraine Saia, Theresa Salvatore, Mina Sammarone, Domenic Santaguida, Baby Rocco Santangelo, Steven Scanlon, Lorraine Schellinger, Patricia Schiela, Anthony Sergontoni, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Grover Simpson, Sharon Simpson, Evelyn Spina, Regina Stanley, Thomas Sweeney Jr., Savannah Taylor, James Trainor Jr., Lori Trischler, Terry Troiano, Cindy Tuohey, Allyson Turner, Alicia Viray, Sarah Wallace, Matt Watson, military disabled, home-bound, and their families.

*Rest in Peace* We Pray for our Deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends:  
**ENRICO "RICKY" BELFI**  
**JOSEPH DI SILVESTRO**  
**LIBERATA SCICCHITANO**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Mass Intentions For  
The Week of February 14, 2021**

**Sunday - February 14**

8:00 + Vaughn Potere  
10:30 + Sal Gabriel DiNubile

**Monday - February 15**

7:30 + Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday - February 16**

8:00 + Charles and Adele Hlinka

**Wednesday - February 17 (Ash Wednesday)**

8:00 + Living and Deceased Members of Stella Maris  
12:00 + Prayer Service  
7:00 + Bob Ball

**Thursday - February 18**

8:00 + Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

**Friday - February 19**

8:00 + Guido Iaconangelo  
7:00 + Stations of the Cross



**Saturday - February 20**

8:00 + D'Amato and Zollo Families  
5:00 + Adam Lalli

**Sunday - February 21**

8:00 + Frank, Anna and Antoinette Palesano  
10:30 + Donald and Antoinette Ingrassia

**Church Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of  
Alfred Tropiano

Requested by  
Lena Olivieri and Family



**Adoration Chapel Lamp**

1) In Memory of  
Msgr. James F. Connelly  
Requested by  
Lena Olivieri and Family



2) In Memory of  
Rocco Pardo Sr.  
Requested by  
Robert and Victoria Pardo



**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of  
Daniel Olivieri Sr.

Requested by  
Lena Olivieri and Family



**YOU CAN WATCH STELLA MARIS  
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS ON-LINE!**

**Please Note:** You do not need Facebook to view the video of Liturgical Celebrations. Just access the Facebook page on the Parish's Website ([www.stellamarisphila.com](http://www.stellamarisphila.com)). Click the link and it will take you to Facebook. When asked to log in, just click "not now" or "x" out of the box. Go to "Videos" and click on the Liturgical Celebration you want to watch.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, begins the Season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the Masses and at a prayer service. Please see the times listed in the bulletin. Remember, this is a day of **fasting and abstinence**. Please keep in mind that all persons who are **14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent**. Further, all persons **18 years of age and older, up to and including their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday**, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

This weekend, I extend to the adults of our parish community a companion to journey with in Lent. **The Little Black Book** is the companion. This little black book provides an easy and convenient way for us to spend a few extra minutes each day in prayer with our Lord during Lent.

The Catholic Charities Appeal has begun in our Archdiocese. Our parish goal is \$25,061.00. You should be receiving, if you haven't already, a direct mailing from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. If you haven't, there are pledge cards in the pews for you to make your pledge. Thank you for your generosity and continued support to Catholic Charities. Again, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The irony of today's Gospel is that the lepers shouldn't even have been in the village that day. Lepers had to live outside the village or town in a sort of leper colony because of the erroneous belief that the disease was highly contagious. In the world during Jesus' time, leprosy was viewed as punishment from God for the victim's sins or the sins of the leper's parents.

In our first reading from Leviticus, we heard the rules concerning lepers. When people were nearby, lepers were to say, "Unclean, unclean." When Jesus healed the leper, Jesus not only healed his illness but restored him to his community and family once again. Everyone wants to belong and that is exactly what the leper wanted. He wanted to be made clean so he could belong again. Therefore, he took the initiative and approached Jesus seeking healing. The leper had confidence/faith in Jesus' ability to heal him and made the request: "If you will to do so, you can cure me." Jesus accepted the challenge saying "I do will it, be made clean." Neither disease nor sin is part of God's plan, and Jesus immediately felt sorry for the leper. He had come to restore, to heal, to make whole, and without hesitation He does the unthinkable; He "stretched out his hand and touched him." In other words, Jesus' action said, "I do want you to be whole and holy. I do want you to be free from your pain. You are not cursed by God, and certainly not cursed by me."

The challenge for us is to imitate Christ. It isn't good enough just to understand and agree with the idea that God does not punish or curse us in this life. Rather, the challenge is to consider those who we look at as evil, immoral, unholy, bad, impure, and disliked by God.

The challenge is to "reach out" to those people just as Jesus reached out to the man with leprosy.

Be assured of my prayers and I ask you to remember me in your prayers.

God Bless!  
Fr. Di Orio



### NEWS FROM THE VOCATION OFFICE

**Weekly Discernment Groups** are designed for Catholic men who are discerning a call to the priesthood. Separate discernment groups are held for high school men, college-aged men, and post-college men.

**High School Men:** Thursdays: 6:30PM to 8:00PM  
from February 18 to March 25

**College-Aged Men:** Thursdays: 8:30PM to 10:00PM  
from February 18 to March 25

**Post-College Men:** Sundays : 6:30PM to 8:00PM  
from February 21 to March 28

For more information and to register, contact Father DeLacy, Vocation Director of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, at: [fr.sdelacy@archphila.org](mailto:fr.sdelacy@archphila.org) or call the Vocation Office at **610-667-5778**.



### FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The cost of home heating has a major impact on monthly budgets. To assist people with these rising costs, the **Pennsylvania Home Heating Fuel Assistance Rebate Program (LIHEAP)** is now in progress. This **Fuel Assistance Program** is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. For example, **individuals** with a monthly income less than **\$1,595**, or a **two-person household** with a **monthly income under \$2,155** qualify for the grant. Call **United Social Services** at **215-923-1900**, Monday through Friday between 10AM and 4PM. A staff worker will explain the eligibility requirements, answer your questions and assist you in completing an application. **The filing deadline is Friday, 04/09/21. This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid.** All inquiries are **confidential**.



### NEED FINANCIAL HELP TO ATTEND COLLEGE? APPLY FOR A STELLA MARIS SCHOLARSHIP

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Applicants must be high school seniors or graduates who are registered parishioners of Stella Maris Parish in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2) Applicants must be active, participating members of Stella Maris Parish, recommended by the Pastor.
- 3) Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement and financial need. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is desired.
- 4) Applicants must plan to attend or be enrolled full-time at an accredited college/university located in the USA.
- 5) This scholarship is for one year only; current recipients may reapply to be considered for additional funding along with the new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time.

**Please call Stella Maris Parish Rectory at 215-465-2336, Monday through Friday, from 9AM to 4PM, up to and including Friday, February 26, 2021 to determine eligibility.**

**Applications will be accepted online only.**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL MATERIALS IS  
5:00PM EST ON MARCH 2, 2021!**

## VOCATION PRAYER PARTNERS

Each day, numerous men and women in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia pray a rosary for the specific intention of an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Prayer is the foundation of all that we do, and these faith-filled and supportive individuals are spiritual prayer-warriors, praying specifically for the men to whom God is calling to follow Him as His priests, and that they listen and heed His voice. On the **first Saturday of each month**, this group gathers online to pray as a community and in support of each other. If you wish to join this dynamic and growing community of Prayer Partners, please contact: Sue Matour at **610-667-5778** or [smatour@archphila.org](mailto:smatour@archphila.org).



## LIVE ROSARY TO END CORONAVIRUS WITH THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

Join us online, by phone, or in spirit as we pray the Rosary. We will ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the Coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic. **The schedule is as follows: Monday through Thursday Nights, 8:00-8:30 PM (Eastern), until further notice.** Click the link 5-10 minutes early to allow your device to download necessary software. On your computer, go to [www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org); click on "Offices," a list of offices will appear, click on "New Evangelization." Click "Events" tab and find "Nightly at 8PM ET, The Rosary...Coronavirus" and click on "full details." The next screen will show a choice for "Rosary in English" and you can click on the words "Click here to join the Rosary by video." You may want to dial in by phone at **646-558-8656** and enter the Webinar ID: **494 480 541**. Hosted by: Meghan Cokeley, Office of New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



## MAN-UP PHILLY

The 13th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Spirituality Conference, **MAN UP PHILLY 2021**, is being held virtually on **Saturday, 03/06/2021**. The Conference will be live-streamed via Zoom to all registrants. Join us for a day focused on ways to live your faith everyday. This year's line-up of speakers is tremendous and will be an inspiration to all participants. The speakers include: **Fr. Mike Schmitz**, whose *Bible in a Year* is #1 in the nation. He appeals to all Catholics, but has a special gift in reaching young adults; **Bishop Joseph Coffey**, originally a priest in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, now Auxiliary Bishop of Military Services and is in active service with the U.S. Navy; **Col. Tom Manion**, who served in the Marine Corps for over 30 years. Colonel Manion founded the *Travis Manion Foundation* (TMF) named in honor of his son, 1st Lt. Travis Manion USMC, who made the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan in April 2007. TMF supports military families, and helps to create the next generation of leaders; **Deacon Steve Javie**, former NBA ref, will provide our reconciliation talk. Irish tenor **Mark Forrest** will again provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration. The Conference will conclude with Saturday Mass (not a Sunday Vigil Mass), celebrated by **Archbishop Nelson J. Perez**. Please join your brothers in Christ for this unique experience. Registration is \$10 for this virtual event which you can view on your computer or mobile phone. For more information or to register, visit <https://manupphilly.com/registration/>.

+ Please check with organizations, schools, parishes, etc. who have postings in our bulletin to see if their events and/or functions have been cancelled or postponed. Thank you. Be safe. God bless!

## SECULAR CARMELITE MEETINGS

Interested in becoming a Secular Carmelite? Secular Carmelites live in allegiance to Jesus, seeking to imitate the Virgin Mary's contemplation of the Word of God and detachment. We strive to follow the teachings and example of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and other Carmelite saints. The Discalced Carmelite Secular Order invites those faithful, who desire to deepen their spiritual life through prayer, to inquire by attending a meeting. Meetings are held on the **third Sundays of every month at 11:30AM** at the Carmelite Monastery, **1400 Old York Road, Philadelphia, PA 19126**. For more information, call Maribel at **215-431-2817**.



## "YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH"

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 12/08/20, the Holy Father proclaimed the "Year of St. Joseph", which extends to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 12/08/2021. Pope Francis shares his beautiful reflections on St. Joseph in the new Apostolic Letter named, *With a Father's Heart*". He shares his intent with the proclamation: **The aim of this Apostolic letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession, and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.**

### Ways to Gain a Plenary Indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph

\*Meditate at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. \*Follow St. Joseph's example by performing a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. \*Recite the Rosary with your family members and also among engaged couples. \*Entrust your daily activities to the protection of St. Joseph and invoke his intercession for those seeking work so they can find dignifying work to support themselves and their families. \*Recite the Litany to St. Joseph or any prayer to St. Joseph proper to liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all Christians suffering persecution. \*Recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph. \*This indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes.

## GET TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

As we continue in the "open phase", why not take some time to research our Saints? You will find that we have lots of things in common with some of the Saints. This is a great activity for children and their parents, guardians, and/or grandparents to do together. You can start with your favorite Saint, the Saint for whom you are named, the Saint of the day, or the Saint of the month. The Saints we celebrate this week are as follows:

February 14- St. Valentine

Which Saint is celebrated on your birthday?

Enjoy your Saints Adventure!

## STELLA MARIS PARISH CALENDAR

For the safety of everyone, all those in leadership positions of Stella Maris organizations are asked to call the Rectory before resuming your regular meetings in order to receive instructions for keeping within the safety guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Stay safe and stay well! God bless!



**SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTION:  
HOPE IN CHRIST**

You are not alone! The Church desires to be close to her children who are struggling with addiction and to bring them the healing power of Jesus Christ's love. Many parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and loving hand to those struggling with an addiction as well as their families and loved ones. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for Catholic resources, ongoing support, testimonies, and events that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to spiritually support you in your journey towards recovery. You may visit [archphila.org/hope](http://archphila.org/hope) for details and postings.

**INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND  
AUTISM HELP-LINE**

This convenient help-line assists families with connecting to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

To reach the Help-Line, please call **484-472-5041** or email [IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org).

**ASSISTED LIVING AND/OR LONG TERM  
CARE FOR SENIORS**

For information on the cost of, or questions about, Senior Living and Care in Philadelphia, along with Finance Assistance Programs, please visit the following website: [www.payingforseniorcare.com](http://www.payingforseniorcare.com). This website will help you find eligibility and benefit information for over 300 programs regarding care for elderly loved ones.

**IN-HOME SUPPORT SYSTEM**

Are you homebound? Would you benefit from ongoing services such as meals, transportation or a senior companion, and short-term services (housekeeping and personal care)? The In-Home Support Program may be able to help you. If you are at least 60 years of age, need assistance or supervision when leaving the home, and are basically homebound, please call **215-732-1140** to learn more about this program.

This information has been provided by Catholic Health Care Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

**LILY'S GIFT MINISTRY**

Lily's Gift Ministry is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced, or worked closely with, issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. To expectant parents, we offer unique insight and sensitivity regarding such difficult issues as:

- +Maintaining hope when a prognosis is poor
- +Sorting through medical decision making
- +Grieving the loss of the anticipated baby
- +Stillbirth and neonatal critical care

For more information, visit [www.Lily'sGift.org](http://www.Lily'sGift.org) or call Sister Kathleen Schipani (**215-587-3530**). This information has been provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Office for Life and Family.

**CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE**



Our Church Sanctuary Candle is available to be offered for the living or deceased, and will remain lit for seven days. If you would like to reserve a candle, please complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$20 donation. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE**



Altar Bread and Wine may be offered for an entire week, for the living or deceased. If you are interested, please complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$25 donation. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

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**ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES**



Two Adoration Chapel candles are available to be offered (\$20 each) for the living or deceased, and will remain lit for seven days. If you would like to reserve a candle, complete the information below and return the form to Stella Maris Rectory with a \$20 donation. Please include your phone number on the form. All names and donors will be posted in our Church Bulletin accordingly.

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